

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 8, 2009

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:50 p.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Peterson absent. Board Vice Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney, Harley Will, Finance and Accounting Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Barb Fritsche, Information Technology Supervisor; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Board Vice Chair asked for comments from the public; none were heard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Weik moved, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the November 17, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to amend the October 20, 2009 Washington County Board minutes to include the ratification of 2010 wages and health insurance for Department Heads.
3. Approval to amend the following Policies: #2007 Employee Jury Pay Reimbursement; #2104 Fiscal Policy; #2105, Finance Committee; #2202 Mission Directed Budget Policy; #2203 Capital Improvement Plan; and #2301 Investment Policy Guidelines.
4. Approval to extend the cooperative agreement with Anoka County for the provision of non-emergency medical transportation for eligible Medical Assistance, General Assistance Medical Care, and Minnesota Care recipients.
5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-144** as follows:

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Resolution Recommending Approval of
Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Property by Former Owner

WHEREAS, the tax parcel identified as PID# 32.030.20.21.0101 forfeited to the State of Minnesota on July 21, 2009 for nonpayment of property taxes due in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the owners have submitted an Application for Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Lands as in accordance with M.S. 282.241; and

WHEREAS, a check has been received for the sum of all delinquent and current taxes and assessments together with penalties, interest, and costs that have accrued or would have accrued if the parcel had not forfeited to the state; and

WHEREAS, permitting the repurchase will promote the use of the land that will best serve the public interest; then

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners supports the repurchase, by former owner, of parcel #32.030.20.21.0101, pursuant to M.S. 282.241.

Parcel ID #:32.030.20.21.0101

Repurchase Price: \$9,603.57

6. Approval to accept the Extension Committee Budget request for 2010 operating budget for University of Minnesota Extension Services, 4-H Program.
7. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-145** as follows:

Final Payment to Expert Driveways for Crack Sealing
Road Maintenance Projects

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners on May 12, 2009 approved a bid award to Expert Driveways for provision of product, labor and equipment to install crack filling material on various county roads; and

WHEREAS, Expert Driveways has satisfactorily completed all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Expert Driveways be paid in full for the said contract work in the amount due indicated on the final payment voucher which is attached herewith and is hereby a part of the resolution.

8. Approval of Change Order #9 to contract with Glewwe Doors, Inc. in the amount of \$3,718 and Change Order #10 in the amount of \$4,863.
9. Approval to set a public hearing date of January 12, 2010 to consider the revised Washington County Floodplain Ordinance.

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The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 4-0 with a roll call vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Weik, and Kriesel; No, none; Commissioner Peterson absent.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager, updated the Board on the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program activities and outcomes for 2009. Youth funding for 2009 totaled \$593,745 with contributions from stimulus funding (\$289,936); regular Workforce Investment Act Youth funds (\$214,190); and Minnesota Youth Program (\$89,619). In 2009 140 youth were served, which is an increase of 90 youth from 2008.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, reported that a week ago the State November forecast came out and noted there was a deficit of revenue in the amount of \$1.2 billion below projected expenditures. Governor Tim Pawlenty announced today that local aide programs scheduled for disbursement this month will not be cut. The Governor did say that in the New Year cuts to local governments will be a high likelihood in balancing the current budget deficit and the larger projected one for the next biennium.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel stated that he attended the Association of Minnesota Counties Conference. Colonel Kevin Gerdes gave introductory remarks to the General Assembly this morning regarding the Yellow Ribbon Network. On Saturday he will be attending an event in St. Paul where the Secretary of Defense along with Brigadier General Wyatt who is the commander of the National Guard will host a forum on Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. Officials from Stillwater, Hugo and Commissioner Kriesel will be presenting an update to those dignitaries on why this effort has been successful in Washington County.

Commissioner Weik reported as part of the Woodbury Lions she participated in the “Feed My Starving Children” where they assemble food baskets in Egan. They packed about 70 boxes of food to ship overseas. She noted there will be a Woodbury Yellow Ribbon meeting Thursday evening and the action plans are due that night. Yesterday she attended the Library Park Association annual meeting which is a joint committee between the City of Woodbury and the county because the R.H. Stafford Library shares space with Central Park. They reviewed the capital improvement program. For next year, Amy Scoggins, Woodbury City Council, will be President of the Library Park Association.

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Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Association of Minnesota Counties Conference. He attended the meeting with Denny McGrann, the county's federal lobbyist, to discuss the high priority projects including the I-94 corridor and the High Speed Rail Corridor which will involve the county's Red Rock Corridor. Mr. McGrann also spoke on the transportation bill, which will probably take until next year, and what might happen with the job's bill which is still up in the air. Representative Oberstar and a number of Republicans are pushing for something to be done for a six year transportation plan rather than an 18 month plan to get past the election.

Commissioner Pulkrabek also attended the meeting with Deny McGrann. He reported that it looks good for getting \$4 million for the I-94 corridor.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Bill Pulkrabek, Vice Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator